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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AS OF MARCH 15, 1941

Cold storage holdings of frozen domestic and imported fishery products in the United States amounted to 49,458,000 pounds on March 15, 1941, according to summaries released today in Statistical Bulletin No. 1418 by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, based on statistics furnished by the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture.

When compared with the (revised) total of 71,458,000 pounds in cold storage on February 15, 1941, this represents a decrease of 22,000,000 pounds, or 31 percent. It also indicates an increase of 3,866,000 pounds over the March 15, 1940, figure of 45,592,000 pounds; and of 15 percent over the five-year average of 42,913,000 pounds at this date.

The quantity of fish frozen during the month ended March 15, 1941, amounted to 6,530,000 pounds, which is 206,000 pounds more than the production during the same period a year ago, and 1,463,000 pounds, or 29 percent, above the five-year average of 5,067,000 pounds.

Heaviest holdings by species show halibut in the lead with 3.5 million pounds followed by pollock fillets (3.18 million pounds); whiting (3.15 million pounds); haddock fillets (2.7 million pounds); and mackerel (except Spanish) with 2.2 million pounds. Among frozen shellfish, shrimp (3.1 million pounds) predominated, with scallops (629,000 pounds) in second place.

Greatest holdings by sections show New England (12.1 million pounds) leading, with the North Central East area (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin) in second place with 11.8 million pounds; followed by the Middle Atlantic section (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) with 9.6 million pounds; and the Pacific area (8.7 million pounds).

Other items in the bulletin give 13.1 million pounds of cured herring, and 2.8 million pounds of mild-cured salmon, on hand as of March 15, 1941.

Included also is a note stating that the Dominion of Canada report shows that the following species and amounts of frozen fish were on hand as of March 1, 1941: halibut--1,661,465 pounds, mackerel--1,082,933 pounds; salmon--4,091,161 pounds; sea herring--5,362,275 pounds; whitefish--648,950 pounds; cod fillets--1,479,516 pounds; all other varieties--6,685,481 pounds.

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